Amendment of coastal area protection ordinance

2323. SHRI M.A. BABY:
SHRI JOY NADUKKARA:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT & FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware of the Supreme Court decision in a writ petition and representation from State Government of Kerala and various other States regarding amendment of the Coastal Area Protection Ordinance;

(b) whether Government are considering suitable amendment in it;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (CAPT. JAI NARAIN PRASAD NISHAD): (a) In the Writ Petition (c) No. 664 of 1993 in the matter of Indian Council of Enviro-Legal Action Vs Union of India and Other, the Hon'ble Supreme Court vide its Order dated 18.4.1996 inter-alia directed that the States which had not filed Coastal Zone Management Plans (CZMPs) should submit these to the Central Government by 30.6.1996 and the Central Government should finalise and approve these Plans, with or without modifications within three months thereafter. Some State Governments, including Kerala, had expressed their concerns in implementation of certain provisions of these Plans and requested amending of Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991.

(b) to (d) The Central Government approved all the Coastal Zone Management Plans in accordance with Coastal Regulation Zone Notification, 1991 on 27.9.1996. While filing the report on compliance to Hon'ble Supreme Court on 30.9.1996, some areas of special concern expressed by States including Kerala, were brought to the notice of the Court. Further, it has been decided to constitute a Committee to look into selected issues raised by State Governments.

Steps to set up a Yoga University

2324. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether any steps are being taken by Government to set-up a Yoga University in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the specific reasons therefor; and

(c) by when it is likely to be set-up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MUHI RAM SAIKIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise. In view of the directives of the National Policy on Education-1986, as amended in 1992, the Central Government does not encourage setting up of more Central Universities.

रेलवे द्वारा भाप के रेल इंजनों का निर्माण और प्रयोग

2325. **श्री अजीत जोगी:** क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या रेलवे द्वारा अभी भी भाप रेल इंजन बनाये जा रहे हैं;

(ख) रेलवे द्वारा अभी भी कितने भाप रेल इंजनों का उपयोग किया जा रहा है;

(ग) क्या सरकार उक्त इंजनों के प्रयोग को पूर्णतया समाप्त करने का विचार रखती है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में योजना का ब्यौरा क्या है?

रेल मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सतपाल महाराज): (क) जी नहीं।

(ख) 1.4.96 को भारतीय रेलों पर मीटर लाइन पर 177 भाप रेल इंजन तथा छोटी लाइन पर 20 भाप रेल इंजन कार्यरत थे।

(ग) और (घ) रेलों ने नीति के तौर पर शताब्दी समाप्त होने से पहले चरणबद्ध आधार पर भाप रेल इंजनों को डीजल/बिजली रेल इंजनों से बदलने का विनिश्चय किया है। सिवाय पर्यटन महत्व के कुछ खंडों को छोड़कर, जहां ऐसे रेल इंजन एक आकर्षण होंगे।